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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should increase its support for basic and applied scientific research, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGAN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States consistently has been the world's strongest supporter of basic and applied scientific research;

Whereas the Congress, with the support of the American people, has shown the wisdom and foresight to generously support basic and applied scientific research;

Whereas scientific discoveries resulting from basic and applied scientific research have had an enormous impact on the Nation's economy, the development of technology, the creation of jobs and new industries, and the strength of the Nation's research and educational institutions;

Whereas Federal financial support for basic and applied scientific research has contributed significantly to making the United States the superpower that it is today;

Whereas since 1988 Federal financial support for basic and applied scientific research has dropped in constant dollars by more than 2 percent annually;

Whereas the reduction in Federal financial support for basic and applied scientific research threatens the Nation's supremacy in science and technology, its wealth-producing potential, its ability to educate researchers and scientists, its national laboratories and research institutions, and its global competitiveness; and

Whereas to ensure its leadership role in the world in the next millennium the United States must not replace its scientific curiosity with idleness, or abdicate its role as a discoverer and explorer of the unknown, or shift its attention from the wonderment of space to the dust of decline: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
 3 Federal Government should—

4 (1) increase its financial support for basic and
 5 applied scientific research in the United States;

6 (2) encourage the maintenance and growth of
 7 basic and applied scientific research within the corporate and industrial sectors of the economy of the
 8 United States; and

10 (3) analyze, and where necessary, adjust the
 11 Federal incentives with respect to basic and applied

- 1 scientific research to ensure the global competitive-
- 2 ness of the United States.

